
TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION /
DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

DATE: 11/8/16

TO: file

FROM: Chad Augustin (JCA), DWR-COL

RE: Trip report for 11/7/16 site visit to Blackjack Ridge Dairy

The Columbia EFO received a voicemail from Milton Beard at 3:50 pm on Saturday, November 5, 2016 saying that he had a discharge event occur the previous day. Chad Augustin called Mr. Beard back on Monday, November 7, 2016. Mr. Beard indicated that there had been a release of waste onto one of his fields. Chad told Mr. Beard that he would meet with him at 2 pm later that day to look at the site of the discharge.

Site Visit

Chad and Dewitt Logsdon met with Mr. Beard at the site around 2 pm. They drove to the location of the discharge, which was Field 5C on Gordon Lawrence Road. A hose had ruptured on Friday afternoon, releasing an unknown amount of waste onto the field. The discharged waste had mostly soaked into the ground around the rupture site, however, a small amount of liquid waste had made it to the roadside ditch and traveled approximately 100 feet down the ditch. No waste reached a stream.

Mr. Beard indicated that he had collected a sample of the waste which had pooled behind the hose. He was told that because the waste was not discharged from the waste pond, and because it did not reach a stream, he was not required to sample or notify us of the discharge. He was told that he would be receiving a letter documenting this discharge and the discharge that occurred on November 3, 2016.

Later that day, Chad Augustin received a voicemail from Mr. Beard's consultant, Sam Parrish, with BDY, Inc. Mr. Parrish was asking for an email which said that Mr. Beard didn't need to sample, so that he could cancel the lab work for the samples which had been sent. That email was sent later that afternoon.





Small amount of liquid waste made it to roadside ditch. Power pole in the distance is the furthest extent that waste traveled.